GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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FIXATION OF PRICE FOR OPEN SALE BY FCI
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Food Corporation is facing problems in fixing prices of rice for open sale and to exporters;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Expenditure Reforms Commission has made recommendations in regard to fixing of prices by FCI;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps proposed by FCI to clear its buffer stocks?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a): No, Sir. The price of rice under Open Sale of Rice Scheme is Rs.950/- per quintal for the whole country.As regards exports, the price is fixed at Rs.5650 per M.T. for raw and Rs.6000 per M.T. for parboiled rice.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): Food Corporation of India (FCI) has taken a number of measures to clear its buffer stocks.These include, inter-alia, increase in allocation of foodgrains for BPL families under TPDS, downward revision of Central Issue Prices (CIPs) of wheat and rice, Oper market sale of wheat and rice at reduced rates, allocation of foodgrains at BPL rates to the State Governments for undertaking `Food for Work Programmes`, allotment of foodgrains at BPL rates for various welfare schemes of the Government, and export of wheat and rice.